

Legal Protection Fund Helps Chicago Immigrants

The Legal Protection Fund (LPF) provides free legal consultations, representation, information sessions and support for Chicago's immigrants. The Legal Protection Fund was established in January of 2017, to date, the program has provided free legal representation to Chicago residents in over 1,700 cases!

Below is a summary of the LPF work from January 2018 to September 2018:

Needed

- 180,000 Chicago residents are undocumented
- 50,000 households include an undocumented person
- The immigration system does NOT provide lawyers in deportation cases.*

Effective

- Over 22,500 people attended "Know Your Rights" or "DREAMer" sessions
- Over 1,250 legal screenings
- Over 700 cases obtained free legal representation in 2018
- Immigrants with lawyers are 5 times more successful in hearings*
(Source: American Immigration Council)

Reaches Chicago Neighborhoods

- Served residents from all 50 wards
- 460+ Community-based Know Your Rights and "DREAMer" events throughout Chicago
- The Loop: Continued expanded legal screenings and representation at NIJC's main office
- Northwest Chicago: Continued weekly legal screenings with Heartland Human Care Services
- South Side: Continued monthly legal screenings with Southwest Organizing Project

Partners

- Aldermen, City Colleges, Chicago Public Schools, Faith-based Organizations
- Community Navigators:
 - The Resurrection Project
 - Centro de Trabajadores Unidos
 - Centro Romero
 - Erie Neighborhood House
 - Hana Center
 - Indo-American Center
 - Instituto del Progreso Latino
 - Southwest Organizing Project
 - United African Organization

The National Immigrant Justice Center (NIJC) provides legal screenings and representation in collaboration with the following *pro bono* legal counsel: Baker McKenzie LLP, Bryan Cave, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, DLA Piper, Exelon, JP Morgan Chase & Co., Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, Mayer Brown LLP, Sidley Austin LLP

Legal Protection Fund Client Countries of Origin

